MR. PARSONS WON'T ANSWER.

GOING TO KEEP HIS SHARE OF THE SUGAR TRUST SECRETS.

r. Havemeyer Intimates that the Legisla-ture Will Brive Sugar Refining Out of the Sinte-Mr. Moller Tells the Percentages. When the seven Senators filed into the Superior Court room, Part IL, yesterday morning to continue their exploration of the Sugar see of the Superior Court had provided a long General Term desk for them to sit behind. At each Senator's place at the desk the janitress had placed a big glass of cold water. Lawyer Parsons, who is ready to go to jail rather than reveal the secrets of his sugar house, looked as sedate as ever. The court room was filled with people. A good share of them were the employees of Moller & Sierck, the North River Refining Company, and other sugar firms, whose refineries are closed, and whose men are out of work under the operation

Col. Bliss recalled Mr. Henry O. Havemeyer. Mr. Havemeyer promptly declined to say what proportion of the \$45,000,000 capital of the Sugar Trust was represented by the stock of the Brooklyn refineries that had burned down. "How often does the Board meet?" asked Col. Bliss.

Mr. Havemeyer said the Board had no stated times for meeting, and had only had one or two formal meetings.

formal meetings.

Q.—It was at these formal meetings that you felt of each other? A.—Ves. sir.

Q.—Who were at the meetings besides the Board members? A.—I decline to answer. Well, Mr. Dos Passon was there. We are business men down town, and we sai in with each other in a casual and accidental way.

Thunderstorm passes,
Up to this time Col. Bliss had been smiling and courteous. But he suddenly nitered his manner, and said, in a steely tone: "Now, sir, have you talked with any one about these mat-ters since you were on the stand yesterday?"
"No. I haven't," shouted Mr. Havemeyer.

Col. Bliss jumped forward, and struck the er before the Senator's desk with one hand,

bar before the Senator's desk with one hand, while he pointed the long finger of his other hand at the witness.

"Didn't Theodore A. Havemeyer tell you in this room last night that you had given the whole thing away?" he thoudered.

"No, sir, he didn't," said Mr. Havemeyer.

"Some folks have too long ears," remarked Mr. Parsons, sententiously.

"And I want to say to this committee." added Mr. Havemeyer, "that I'm ready to tell it anything I know that will benefit the public interest. But I don't want to answer impertinent questions."

"People who have heard your testimony will consider your statement," said Col. Bliss.

The storm passed, and the witness testified that he had transferred some of the Havemeyers' raw material to Dick & Meyer and to Moller & Sierck at a loss, nominally. Of course it wasn't a loss, because the Havemeyers were interested in all the other firms. There were no records kept of what was done at the Board's feeling times.

Q-Do you mean to say, sir, that \$45,000,000 worth of property is managed by shrewd business men of New York in that way?

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Q.—Is it true that your Secretary, Mr. Searles, has rone to Louisiana to buy sugar for the combination:
A.—The statement is not true, and I don't know any g shout a combination.

—Well, what do you call it? A.—A Board.

—Board and living? A.—Well, we hope to get a
g out of it.

living out of it.

Ar. Havemeyer declared that sugar is cheaper here to the consumer than in England, and is cheaper here than it has been at any time for the last four years. Searles was both Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. Theodore A. Havemeyer was President of the Board. There were no official books or records at all of what the Board did. The witness had once a memorandum of the names of the certificate hoiders, but he had destroyed it about ten days ago.

Senatr Cogreshell—That's about the time Searles. Senat r Coggeshall - That's about the time Searles Went to Louislana ain't it? A.-Mr. Searles went away last Faturday week. But that's got nothing to do with

Mr. Havemeyer said that the Board had no expenses, and that Mr. Searles paid his own expenses when he went away. The Board had no duties either.

Benator Arnoid—Your idea of the competition between ha siffarent corporations in the Heard is simply that of a race between the different managers to see who shall make the best returns? A.—That's practically it.

A HALF THREAT TO MOVE TO JERSEY.

To Senator Ives—Personally I would like to produce the agreement founding the floard, but I can't do it. About 16 per cent. of the sugar in this market comes from companies which compete with us.

Then the Senators began to ask a lot of tariff questions, which Chairman Arnold stopped, and asked Mr. Havemeyer what dividend the Board had declared. Mr. Havemeyer got angry and exclaimed:

Ob. these investigation.

AXCIAIDEG:
Oh, these investigations burt our business! They raise rouble among the laboring men. This action is sharmed on the part of a State, and especially on the part of the great State of New York. We have been invited to get out of this State with our business, and I don't move but what we'll do it.

MR. MOLLER GIVES THE PERCENTAGES.

The next witness was Mr. George H. Moller, a benevolent-looking white-whiskered gentleman, who grazed placidly out of his big spectacles at Col. Bliss. Mr. Moller said that he had been thirty years in the sugar refining business in New York. His company was the North River Sugar Refining Company. It had done no business since December, 1ts capital stock was \$280,000, and this had been sold to John Was \$300,000, and this had been sold to John E. Searles, Jr., for \$225,000. Searles hind previously asked the North River stockholders to come into the trust, and had offered them; \$700,000 in trust certificates for their stock. The stockholders did not think this \$700,000 was enough compared with what other companies got. They preferred to sell for \$225,000 in cash.

cash.
"Well, tell us quickly what the other com-panies got in Board certificates," said Col. Biles, Mr. Parsons's lips twitched. Mr. Moller re-

plied:

Havemeyer & Eder got between \$16,000,000 and \$17,000,000; De Castro & Donner, a little over \$10,000,000 and \$17,000,000; De Castro & Donner, a little over \$10,00,000; Matthiessen & Wischer's \$1,000,000; Dick & Meyer, Si,000,000, In Boston the Standard Company got \$7,000,000; He Bay State, \$600,000; and another company, who he Bay State, \$600,000; and another company the Bay State, \$000,000; I don't know what the other companies got. I understood that the corporation stock was to be issued to a committee of trust, who were to give it to the Board, and return to the corporation stack was to be issued to a committee of trust, who were the give it to the Board and return to the corporations the Board certificates.

Q.—Who were this committee of trust? A.—John E. Parsons, John B. Dos Passon, and another man.

"Oh, the other man was Mr. Francis Bartlett, a son of Bidney Bartlett of Boston, and a law-yer fully as respectable as some other lawyers, Col. Bliss." said Mr. Parsons, tartly.

MAKES SUGAR SCARCER AND DEARER, Mr. Moller said that the combination would be a good thing, because it would check over-production.

production.
Q.-liow about its effect on competition? A.-lt would reduce or prevent all competition between these in the combination. This self-evident. Rut our atockholders didn't think they were treated fairly, and they preferred to self right out.
Q.-liow is the sugar market now? A.-lt is not as lively as better.
By Nr. Arnoid-is there any market for raw sugar here except that made by the reflueries in the Board? A.-ltractically none.
To Cal. Plice.

-Tractically none.

To Col. Bliss again Mr. Moller said that he understood the plan of the combination was to reserve 15 per cent. of their capital to absorb the stock of corperations yet to be taken into the Trust. The ground on which the North River Refinery stood had been condemned for a park when it was sold to Mr. Searles. The combination knew that the refinery couldn't operate longer.

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Frank E. Barrett of the American Grocer, which has published the current prices of sugar for years back, stated some of the prices. In 1885 granulated sugar, in which line there was the greatest trade, sold on the average for 65 cents; in 1885 for 64 cents; in 1887 for 6 cents. The average price for this sugar in January of the present yearwas 7 1-16 cents. This testimony was offered, of course, for the purpose of contradicting Mr. Havemeyer's upon the same subject.

LAWYER PARSONS POSITIVELY WON'T ANSWER, There were no other subprensed witnesses present, and Col. Bliss said, cheerfully;

"Well, Mr. Parsons, we'll fill up the time by examining you."

"I suppose you want to examine me under the subprens of last night," said Mr. Parsons sareastically, as he soated himself in the witness chair.

ness chair.

"Precisely," said Col. Bilas. "Now, Mr. Parsons, do you know what your powers as member of this Board are?"

Yes, sir." answered Mr. Parsons. "I have no powers."

no powers,"

Q.—From what do you draw that conclusion? A.—I

Seelins to answer. I have told you, tol. Biles, that I

would not answer such questions owing to my pro
fessional duty as a lawyer. Now gentlemen of the committee, my membership in this Board was accidental. It

is theoretical, not practical.

"You are a stop-gup and hold-paper, are you?" said Col. Bliss. Mr. l'arsons flushed and did not answer. Then Col. Bliss and Senator Ives read to Mr. Parsons decisions of the General Term and Common Pleus decisions of the General Term and Common Pleus decisions that a paper which a cilent was bound to produce his lawyer was bound to produce, too. Mr. Parsons said that these decisions didn't alter his determination in the slightest. TO BE REPORTED TO THE SENATE.

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Col. Bins.—I demand that the committee report this contempt of Mr. Parsons to the Senate, that Mr. Parsons be commeided to produce this paper and answer these questions or be conflicted. Mr. Farsons, what did you do stillness merely of the board?

Mr. Parsons—so the board?

Mr. Parsons—so they adjourned. I only went to the meetings about a they adjourned. I only went to the meetings about a they adjourned. I only went to the meetings to show they adjourned. I only went to the meetings to show they adjourned. I only went to the meetings to show they adjourned. I only went to the meetings to show the story of the Board. I remember almost mothing that was done. Senator Linear-Parson was a member of the Board. I remember almost nothing that was done. Senator Cogressal (solemniy)—Mr. Farsons Mr. Havespre gave his lessified by certain node and wishes and gestores which I saw, and am very free is

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state I saw. I think this committee has been very courteous to you. Won't you be as courteous to the committee? But Mr. Parsons declined to say anything, and left the stand, looking fully as happy as Mr. Havemoyer.

OF COURSE SUGAR IS HIGHER.

"F. B. Thurber," called Col. Bliss in a loud voice. Mr. Thurber scrambled out of the jury box and was sworn. He said his wholesale greery house was one of the largest in the city. He testified:

city. He testified:

The price of sugar has advanced since the formation of the so-called Trust. The sugar in this market is practically a sugar in the market is practically a sugar offered to me outside of the combination, but the difference in price didn't justify its transportation from other cities. I underwand that this combination is not proceeding to extreme, but the tendency of uncontrolled combinations is always to advance prices. SUGAR AND WATER,

Carsien William Sierck testified that he and his father had long been in business as sugar reliners in Brooklyn. Their old firm constated, besides, of Joseph. Peter, and William Moller. Their capital stock was \$210,000. They formed a corporation three or four months ago for the purpose of putting their stock into the hands of the Board and of getting Board cortificates in return.

Q.—What was the face value of the certificates? A.—I decline to answer by advice of counsel.

Col. Biles said that he wanted to show how much of the stock was water. The witness per-sisted in his relusal to answer. He declined to say what proportion of stock was transferred to the Board. to the Board.
To Senator Arnold—Our refinery is closed now. The
Board, through Mr. Searies, directed that the refinery
close. The Board can remove us it is seen it. The
Board makes recommendations. The regulation of the
output renders the price steady.

WAGES, OF COURSE, STOP.

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To Senator Linson—Our percenture of profit goes on while the refinery is closed, but the laborers' percentage of profit does not go on. We don't pay men when they don't work. There was a murmur among the sugar workmen in the couri room at this.

To Chairman Arboid—We report the output and the purchases to Mr. Bearles on blanks which he furnishes us. "I'll furnish some of the blanks to the com-mittee," said Mr. Parsons. "Have you got 'em as counsel?" asked Col. "Have you got 'em as counsel' Bliss." I'm not here to bandy words with you," retorted Mr. Parsons. UNREMEMBERED ITEMS.

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Mr. Sierck left the stand, but came back and said that, after consultation with his counsel, he had no hesitation in saying that all the stock of his company, save a very little, had been transferred to the Board.

"Tell him, Mr. Parsons," exclaimed Senator Ives, "to tell us the things he didn't remember. There were lots of them."

"Sonator Ives," answered the lawyer, "it is under eath here that I have asked none of these witnesses not to remember anything. I wish you would remember that."

The committee adjourned at 4% o'clock, to meet at 10 A. M. on Thursday.

WISDOM FOR HARVARD MEN.

President Ellot and Mayor Newitt Contrib-ute to the Speechmaking.

Two hundred members of the Harvard Club, with their guests, sat down to dinner last evening at Delmonico's. Dr. Depew of Yale had sent a letter of regret that he could not come and sit beside Mayor Hewitt. A great many of Harvard's noted athletes were there, among them Capt. Seaman of the '77 football team. W. Richards of Loring's crew in '68, which did not lose a race to Yale; W. Wendell Goodwin of '84, the sprinter; Arthur Devens, bow oar of the college crew in '73; Lawyers C. W. Wetmore and Frank Appleton of the '75 college boat crew, Robert Perkins, captain and troke of the '84 crew; Wendell Baker of '86. champion sprinter of the world while he was in college, and Howard Taylor, lawn tennis champion of the class of '85.

Fresident Edmund Wetmore of the club said the club would stand behind President Eliot in any attempt he might make to reform abuses in athletic sports, but that did not mean that college men who love athletic sports would not be supported by money or by sympathy. "Our honored President," said Mr. Wetmore, "once helped to pull an oar three good lengths ahead of Yale's boat. I call upon him to speak for our alma mater."

Fresident Eliot said that Harvard men were not so anxious to win as to play fair. In Harvard's honoroble rivalry with Yale Harvard's bout also should strive for excellence in the Ireedom of sendemic studies, [Great laughter,] Yale should be welcomed to try the policy of non-prescribed attendance at chapel, also the policy of putting trust in every individual student as to his bohavior.

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As to athletic sports they have a useful part in many training. They teach courage and endurance, and con-tribute to a high morale of the university. [Applause, They help to resist the most insidious indusaces at the university and those most rife in American society at this time, viz., the ovil of luxury, a soft enervating indu-ence.

"Fair Harvard" was sung, all standing, and Mayor Hewitt spoke to the toust of "Columbia College," He said in part: College." He said in part:
I suppose I should say something for Yale College in
I suppose I should say something for Yale College in
the absence of my friend depew. The fact is Depew
and I have been engaged in a series of a fiter-dinner performances which have given more or less innecent enjoyment to our fellow clinzein. (Applause, Depew would
untoubtedly have been present at this dinner, but seeing that his Fresidential, buom was wanting and certain
lesters from across the necess were due, he could not
series from across the necessary which is could not
instead of a Democrat. Depew will do se
well as any other, but wisy put in a railroad man when
your college President could tait in an instant what to
do with a surplus, and our President at Washington does
not know, as it seems, low to do that. If we must contempiate the possibility of the calamity of a Republican
President, the country might have a worse than Presi-

Other speakers were Prof. Palmer, Gen. W. T. Sherman, the Rev. Dr. Henry J. Van Dyke, Judgo Jehn Clinton Gray, and Francis Rawle of Philadelphia.

DR. DE CUSTA'S TURN AGAIN. He Says Hard Things of the Charity Organi-

zation Society's Agenta. The Rev. Dr. De Costa of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, who is championing the complaint of Bertram Hugh Fitz Hugh Howell against the Charity Organization Society and wrote to Mayor Hewitt about the society, sent a letter to the Mayor yesterday in rejoinder to Mr. Hewitt's reply to him. He says: Your Honor observes it would be well for me not to be

reply to him. Ho snys:

Your Honor observes it would be well for me not to be too confident in regard to that person. I shall certainly endeavor to profit by the sugassition. Your Honor also says, "I have had some experience with him my self." This fact I learned some weeks since from your correspondence with Mr. Howell, which was placed in my heads. I have no doubt but that his counsel will be glad to avail themselves of your experience.

I have desired, however, from the beginning, to dismiss all that is irrelevant or personal, even though the case of Mr. Howell is not an isolated case. This is not a matter of personal integrity nor altigeher of maladinates of personal integrity nor altigeher of maladinates of personal integrity nor altigeher of maladinative of personal integrity nor altigeher of maladinative of personal integrity nor altigeher of maladinative of personal integrity of such a such that is the richest upon the sarrival of the fittest—that is, the richest upon the sarrival of the fittest—that is, the richest upon the sarrival of the fittest—that is, the richest dead enginery of capitalism by which over all the land the poor are being crushed. It aims to be not only clearing house. But "syndeate." Its caution is as deadly and far reaching as the whispered breath of the ancient inquisition. Its livestizations are partial, and at war with the honor and peace of the household. Its so called that its law empty titing.

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A Young Girl Bulacd by Chinamen.

Ah Kop, Tom Lee, and Charley Hing, laundrymen, were arrested last night on the charge of enticing Flore McAuliffe into Ab charge of enticing Flora McAuliffe into Ah Hen's laundry, at 115 East Broadway, teaching her to smoke onlym, ruining her, and bringing her to her doubbed. She is 16 years old, and Coroner Measemer took her ante-mortem statement last night at her parents' home. 230 Cherry street. On her confussion the arrests were made. Ah Hen, the proprietor of the East Broadway place, was arrested for renting it for immoral purposes.

THE MINERS HINT THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO GO ON STRIKE AGAIN.

Great Disentisfuction Because the Mine Engineers Have Been Discharged—The Company Believed to be Acting Unwisely. READING, Feb. 21.—Public opinion is strongly setting against the officials of the Reading Coal and Iron Company. Instead of ceasing their wholesale discriminations against the strikers, more men are being dropped and sent away. The best friends of the Reading Company are clamoring loudly that this war upon the strikers must cease. They argue that the surrender of the miners was manly and unconditional, and such conduct should be met by a magnanimous and conciliatory spirit on the part of the company. The blood-less victory the company won needs no victims, and the hour of victory should be the hour of magnanimity. This entire subject of discriminating against the men will be fully considered at the meeting of the joint strike committee to-morrow, and if the Reading Company does not recede from its position it is predicted that a general strike will be ordered for miners, mine engineers, and all omployees about the mines. A veteran miner down from the regions to-day said:

"I was opposed to the strike, and was one of the first to return to work, but I would think every miner in the regions right if he'd strike every miner in the regions right if he'd strike to-morrow if the joint committee orders the men out. The Reading Coal and Iron Company is not doing right. The mine engineers, when the strike began, were allowed by the union to continue at work, so that no damage would come to the mines. The engineers were allowed to do all work to save the company's property from hundreds of thousands of dollars loss. But the union gave them no other authority. They were not allowed to hoist coal mined by non-union men, and when the company ordered them to hoist coal, the engineers explained their situation and refused. For this they were discharged, and now they are not to be taken back.

"Mr. Corbin said in his letter that only employees who had assaulted non-union men would be discriminated against. Now Mr. Corbin's officials are doing the very opposite, and nearly 800 men, as far as reported, have been sent home. Lewis even had a promise that miners who simply hooted non-union men should not be discriminated against. Yet 200 such men have been dropped. All this has fired the blood even of the old miners, and if the Reading Coal and Iron officials do not change their policy I predict great trouble. The miners are beginning to feel that Lewis was duped." to-morrow if the joint committee orders the

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The newspapers all over the coal regions that have stood by the company all along are emphatis in their opinion that the commany is not acting justly, wisely, or discreetly, and that the mine engineers should be taken back promptly without any arbitration whatever. This reversal or sympathy in favor of the men has greatly strengthened their cause, and the opinion is growing that a call for another strike would be more promptly and generally obeyed than was expected yesterday.

Fewer miners were at work in the Reading Company's colleries to-day than yesterday. Strikers say eighteen local knights of Labor assemblies in the coal regions voted not to obey Lewis's order to resume work, and that if the Reading Company does not change its policy a new order to strike to-morrow will be obeyed with greater vigor and earnestness than the first order to strike, and that then not a man would be allowed to work to protect the company's mines from damages.

The Ashland region is a very convervative section yet. The miners there say they will strike if ordered, because the new policy of the company means tyranny of the worst sort. Telegrams from the regions indicate a deep feeling against the company, and how the joint committee to-morrow can avert a general and disastrous strike is not known, unless Mine Superintendent Whiting gives some word to the committee of a satisfactory nature.

The Reading Company had about twenty collieries at work short-handed to-day, but the miners went home this evening muttering their discontent on all sides. Added to their chagrin is the continued hooting at and derision of them kent up in the western and of Schuylkill county. Many miners who returned to work accept the raillery good-naturedly now, and say they are deserving of all they get. The striking miners made a rush for their places this morning. To

ELIZABETHPORT, Feb. 21.—Work will probably be resumed to-morrow morning at the Reading wharves here. Everything has been suspended at the wharves for several weeks, and no coal has been coming in, but the property has been under guard of a few deputy sheriffs all the time. It is understood that the strikers will not be taken back as a body, but that a few of them will be employed if they apply for work, while many new hands will be put on. The men to be employed on the wharves are not Italians, but experienced coal handlers from other points along the road. Sheriff Glasby and Chief of Police Jenkins have been notified to be in readiness if any trouble occurs to-morrow, and in addition the company will have a force of Pinkerton men on hand to protect the new workmen.

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Work will be begun at the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's docks at the same time. There has been no shipping of coal from there since October.
PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 21.—Master Workman Lewis will not go away until to-morrow morning. During the day he received many telegrams from the mining region all of which were confirmatory of the statements of discrimination by Reading officials. He says he will take no action in the matter until he has made a personal and thorough investigation, which he expects to commence to-morrow.

MUNICIPAL RAPID TRANSIT.

The Bill which the Aldermen Propose to

Enable the City to Build Its Own Honds. The Aldermen took the preliminary steps yesterday to secure a comprehensive scheme of rapid transit in accordance with the sug-gestion of Mayor Mewitt's message of Jan. 31. The Railroad Committee, consisting of Aldermen Storm, Mooney, Talt, and Joseph Murray, reported that an enabling act is necessary, in case a favorable conclusion should be reached in respect to the subject, to permit the municipality to act, and that such a law should be speedily introduced and passed in the Legislature. They submitted the draft of a bill for that purpose.

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This bill authorizes "the Mayor, Aldermen, &c.," to provide suitable ways and means for the more rapid transportation of the people, mails, and freight within the limits of the city by underground rallway or otherwise, and provides means for taking and paying for the lands requisite for such nurpose.

The bill provides "that the Mayor, &c., shall have nower to contract for the construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of such road with any railroad company having a terminus within the limits of the city of New York, such construction, equipment, maintenance and operation to be under the superintendence and supervision of competent persons to be appointed by the Mayor of said city."

The bill further provides that the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., shall:

"From time to time to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for completing and finishing or operating said railway or railways, and to issue and dispose of bonds of the city for any amount so borrowed at a rate of interest not exceeding 3 per cent, and to niedge the faith of the city for the payment thereof, and to provide a fund from the earnings of the railway or railways for the redemption and payment of the principal and interest of said bonds."

Pictures Sold by the American Art Galleries An auction sale of modern foreign and native paintings, comprising two private collections and contributions from the estates of Louis Sauveur and W. W. Thayer, was begun Louis Sauveur and W. W. Thayer, was begun last evening at the American Art Galleries, 6 East Twenty-third street, where the paintings have been on exhibition for several days. The attendance was large, but the bidding was far from lively. An interior, with figures, by victor Lagye, brought \$150: a small landscape, by W. J. Hennesey, N. A. \$10: John Lewis Brown's "Fox Hunting," \$225. "A View Near Trouville." Claude Monet, was sold for \$470. The best price of the evening (\$495) was paid for Emile Van Marcke's "Feeding Time." The remaining pictures in the collection will be disposed of at this and to-morrow evening's sales. The total receipts from last night's sale, which included a few bronzes and marche busts, were \$8,871.59. THE BALL OF THE ARIONS,

inst Merriment and a Spiendid Spe-A cheerful ambition of seeing their fellow citizens have a jolly good time and of joining in themselves and making things jollier, if pos-sible, inspired over 3,000 New Yorkers to crowd into the Metropolitan Opera House last night to help the 820 frollosome members of the Arion Society make their masked ball a booming success. The merrymakers of the society brought their inventive talents into play during the night to provide unhackneyed entertainment for their guests, and there was an abun-dance of glittering adornment to charm the eye

and unexpected novelties to surprise them. The ball was opened in an ingeniously surprising fashion by the sudden opening of a nammoth ball of flowers that depended picmammoth ball of flowers that depended pic-turesquely from the frescoed ceiling of the building. Crowned with a golden cap and bells President Von Bauer pulled a concealed silver cord, and the great pendant ball opened and showered a wealth of nosegays upon the danc-ers, and released a living chanticleer with gor-geous tail feathers, who crowed in a most sur-prising fashion. This opened the way for a se-ries of skilfully arranged and sightly tableaux upon the stage. ries of skillfully arranged and upon the stage.

The stage was artistically set to present in three terraces a brilliant view of Olympus, the Earth, and Hades, with their respective inhabitants handsomely and not too abundantly

three terraces a brilliant view of Olympus, the Earth, and Hades, with their respective inhabitants handsomely and not too abundantly clothed.

Amid picturesque surrounding. Prince Carnival and his jubliant courtiers passed through an agreeable series of adventures, and were duly introduced to Arion, the boss ruler of the realm of happiness, who promptly, and after the fashion of a true Teuton gentleman, expended all his ample resources of entertainment in delighting his friends.

There was dancing by four graceful premieres, a comical divertissement by a whole dozen harlequins and an equal number of bilthesome and comely columbines, and then the entire ballet corps of the Metropolitan Opera House descended from the clouds and danced till the onlookers made the building ring with admiring applause. After that all the big and little gods came down upon the floor and mingied most socially with the New Yorkers, and the ball went on with over-increasing merriment and froile.

There were intervals made noteworty by the introduction of masked character acting and special new dances. One of these dances that was received with great cheering was a divertissement. representing the solemn jubilation of the figures of an art gallery suffering under the sovere supervision of a local art censor whom the jolly Arions do not altograther admire. "Tody" Hamilton in the character of "A Sure Mascel, was one of the genial personances in the dancers, and Police Sergeant Schmitterger, made upas a Russian Duke, in a gold-decked belimet, attracted attention everywhere. Among the 3,000 who participated actively in the contagious fun of the night were these well-known Arions:

Mr. Meyenburg, Mr. Ruschman, H. G. Histon, C. Scott, Mr. Hammond, H. C. Brown, H. James, Mr. Von Glaim, W. R. Hersel, Joseph Doelger, Richard Katzenmayer, Fred Opperman, Jr. F. Goebel, M. B. Brown, Louis Bauer, E. Guggenhemer, Mr. Schlater, V. Nooke, Mr. Rasmacher, J. Schmitt, Chr. Feigenspan, Ath. canith, L. R. Neumann, Mr. Greene, B. F. Willerd, Watter Damrosch,

The Veteran Firemen gave a reception to addes last evening at their beadquarters, 192 East 121st street. It lasted from 9 to 12 P. M. As midnight approached, "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung in honor of Washington's Birthday. Simultaneously a committee of veteran laddless scaled the roof and hoisted the American flag. Washington was then forgotten for a time, and the festivities proceeded with dancing. VETERAN FIREMEN'S BALL.

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The members of Protection Engine Company No. 5 entertained their friends last evening at their fourth annual ball in Schaefer's Central Hall, 150th street and Third avenue. In front of the platform was a frame containing all the badges presented to Engine Company No. 5 during its transcontinental trip. A novel fenture of the occasion was adrill in full scarlet uniform by twenty-four fire lads, the sons of the firemen in the company. The youngest was about 5 years old. They drew a miniature engine loaned by No. 44. Live Osk. They were trained by Major Hautau of the Ninth Regiment. Visitors were present from the Veternn Firemen's Association, 44 Engine, Live Osk, Hudson Hose of Yonkers, Americus, Big 6, and from asversal Astoria companies. Amena the members prosent were: President E.W. Albro, Floor Manager John Haffen, Henry Trott, W. Bogart, George Dichl, Joseph Stumpf, John Hoffman, Charles Welbert, Augustus Moebus, Sebastian Bauer, and Henry Haffen.

THE TOUGH CLUB. It is a time-honored practice of the Tough Club to repair to Tammany Hall on the eye of Washington's Birthday, and 'here dance and make merry until daylight. They were all at Tammany Hall last night dancing and singing. With the Toughs in their merrymaking were state Trensurer Fitzgeraid and his daughter. State Senator Van Cott, ex-Senator Thomas Durham. Assemblyman John Martin. J. W. Smith. William Walker, William Dutton, Fred Ridabock, and Ed Cullen.

Among the dancers were:

TENTH WARD INDEPENDENTS,

The annual reception and ball of the Tenth
Ward Independent Association at Walhalla
Hall, 48 Orchard street, last ovening, was an
enjoyable affair. President Bernard Rourke
and Mrs. Rourke, Vice-President Moritz Herzberg and wife. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McConnell,
Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hickey. Mr. Edward J. Carroll, Mr. Morris Goldman and Miss Goldman.
Aaron Herzberg, and James McManus were
among those who were present, and who danced
to the airs of Boswald's orchestra. TENTH WARD INDEPENDENTS.

AMUSEMENTS.

Herr Possart's " Lear" at the Thalla.

If it were not that last night was the night of the Arion ball there would be reason for believing that the "Lear" of Shakespeare is not so attractive to the Germans of this community as Schiller's "Robbers." At least, "Die Rauber" packed the Thalla Theatre a week ago, whereas packed the I halla Theatre a week ago, whereas last night "König Lear" drew only a moderate attendance. Herr Possart is a very versatile actor, and some of his characters are so unlike that without the sid of the bill no one would dream that the same person was acting them. But a likeness is to be detected in his Lear, Anybody who has seen the eminent German player in "Egmont" will at once recognize in the mad king the Duke of Alba of Goethe's rather ponderous tragedy. Lear with Possart's the Duke of Alba grown old. He is a striking figure, with snow white hair and beard, the fierce hooked nose of the Duke of Alba, and the Duke's hawk eyes blazing on either side of it. But with these features the likeness ends. Alba is the terrible but self-contained and ni-ways deliberate man of iron; Lear is the incernation of storm and fury. Herr Possart's Lear is a strong and well-sustained characterization. Doubtless it fails below the greatest models that have been afforded by the English stage, but it is admirable throughout, and powerful in many passages. The outbursts of rage were very strongly rendered, and the fickle changes apringing from the modness of the king were delicately and rathetically rendered. Mere can hardly be said. It was a good Lear, but not of the greatest. last night "König Lear" drew only a moderate

TWO PRIZE FIGHTS.

Jem Dorsey Knocks Out Thomas J. Crosby and McBride Bests Fuller. A long-talked-of fight between the light

weights, Thomas J. Crosby and Jem Dorsey, with skin gloves to a finish, was fought about sixteen miles north of this city on the Hudson. early yesterday morning, for a purse and stake of \$600. Dorsey was seconded by John Duffy and John Duane, and Crosby by John Swift and of \$600. Dorsey was seconded by John Duffy and John Duane, and Crosby by John Swift and Charles Myers. The old-time wrestler, Billy Bolac of Irvington, was referee.

Dorsey led with his left and Crosby tried to ward it off, but it landed on his check with force. They then fought all around the ring, and just as time was up Crosby was sent to the floor by a blow on the ribs. In the second and third rounds Dorsey seemed to have all the best of it, claiming and getting first blood, which was streaming from Crosby's nose. In the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh rounds Dorsey fought furiously. Crosby's blows did not reach, and when they did they did not do much damage. After throwing Crosby very lieavily Dorsey looked like a sure winner. The eighth and last round was hot. Crosby was weak and breathing hard. He tried his best to get an opening, but Dorsey was too clever for him, playing with his left and right on Crosby's face and ribs. He sent in a blow on Grosby's face and ribs. He sent in a blow on Grosby's isw and he fell in a heap on the floor. As he was unable to come to time at the call of the relerce, Dorsey was declared the winner.

Jim Fuller and Jack McBride fought to a flaish in Brocklyn early yesterday morning. Ordinary kid gloves were used, and so furious was the slugging that it was hard to tell how many rounds were fought. About wenty was a close estimate. Finally, when Fuller was called upon to face the music again he tried to come to the centre, and although his seconds pushed and helped him to rise he could only blindly stagger around the ring, and the reference decided McBride the winner of the stock and the gate receipts. JOSEF AND THE DOCTORS.

THE MEDICAL MEN AGREE THAT THE BOY PIANIST IS PRETTY WELL, is Certainly Suffering from no Org

Disease, and the Becters Bisagree Only as to How Often be Should Pinys Josef Hofmann and his parents were not on hand yesterday morning at the Windsor Hotel to accompany Mr. Abbey to Worcester, according to contract. Instead, Mr. Caeimir Hofmann, the father, betook himself down town to the offices of his lawyers, Messrs, Townsend, Dyett & Einstein, where he con-sulted with Mr. Einstein for an hour.

Lawyer Einstein Immediately gave notice to the Shoriff to restore the trunks which had been attached at the Windsor Hotel, claiming that they contained nothing but the wearing apparel of Mrs. Hofmann and her son, which under the statutes is exempt from execution. In response to this notice Deputy Sheriff Kauffman called on Mr. Einstein and promised to restore the wearing apparel found in the trunks at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Einstein said he had not seen the con-

tract between Messrs, Vert and Abbey, and that his client, Hofmann, had no duplicates of it and could recall but few of its provisions. Until he had seen the contract he could not give an opinion on the legal aspects of his eli-ont's case. He had, however, questioned Mr. Hofmann very closely about the daily life of little Josef. The father had stated that on confore 2 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Einstein believed that any child must sooner or later

break down under such a strain. Later in the
day Hofmann's lawyers received notice that
the Sheriff had levied an attachment upon the
property of the Hofmanns at present stored in
the American Safe Deposit Company's walts.

Mr. Abbey denounced Casimir Hofmann's
treatment of him in forcible terms. "If he had
come to me, "said the manager," and said that
the boy was sick and must stop playing. I
would have been the first to suggest a discontinuance of the concerts. Instead of that he
acts entirely on the siy. He says nothing to
me about his intentions, breaks his contract in
the most summary fashion, and even poisons
the mind of the little musician himself against
me. Josef always showed the greatest affection toward me. The other night when I called
there the boy refused to see me. The whole
thing is a pit up lob by the Lamberts and
someoning his identity.

"I have not netted anything like \$2,000 profit
from each of the boy's coacetts. The gross
receipts averaged only \$2,700 or \$2,800. The
\$1,400 which Mr. Hofmann claims is owing him
for the last four concerts is not due him until
the end of the month. Even then it is not payable to him but to Mr. Wolff. We did not pay
the Windsor Hotel bill for last week because
we wanted to keep some hold on the trunks on
which an attachment has been levied. It will
be had, however."

Mr. W. H. Morton, manager of the Hofmann
tour for Mr. Abbey, went at once to see Mr.
Hofmann on receipt of the intelligence that
Josef would cease playing at the concerts. He
told Mr. Mofmann that Mr. Abbey insisted on
having the boy examined by Drs. Flint, Sayre,
and Hamiltone Hofmann st. Bret objected to
it the doctors should all and on the property
and Hofmann family physician. Dr. Baruch,
the Hofmann family physician, Dr. Baruch
made the remarkable admission that he had
never examined the boy, and had derived his
impressions of his condition wholly from the
representations of Mrs. Hofmann, Josef was
then stripped and subjected to a thoroghe examination by all four physicians, who arri Mr. Morton was despatched in a cab to get Josef. He hastened around to the Lamberts and had an unavalling argument with Mr. Hofmann. The father refused to let Josef go out for any nurpose. Dr. Savre said:

"The father said he would have the boy weighed to-day, and he hasn't done it. I wanted to see whether he kept his weight of sixty-four pounds. When he first began giving his concerts here he only weighed from fifty-live to lifty-seven pounds. There's nothing the matter with the boy. He's all right. All the iuss he's gone through with with the Mayor and the doctors and Mr. Gerry's society has worried and excited him more than his playing at the concerts."

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Shortly before 11 o'clock Dr. Filint went around to his office to write out the conclusions of his brethren and himself, while Mr. Abbey patiently waited for the result in the sunctum of Dr. Sayre. Shortly after midnight he learned that the report would not be completed last night.

Mr. De Lancey Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Abbey, reported to him:

On one point all the doctors are agreed, and that is that the boy is suffering from no organic disease whatever. Some of the doctors think the boy had better go on and play. They think a week or ten days' rest is all that will be required, and that it will be a prejudice to the low not to continue to appear is public. They disagree as to the number of performances a week the boy should be required to give in the future, and there is also some difference of opinion in regard to how long a period should intervene before the boy resumes playing.

SPERINGPIELD, Mass., Feb. 21.—All would not have been fair sailing for Manager Abbey on his New England tour with Josef Hofmann. He was to play here to-night, and Lawyer Charles R. Barrows and James H. Lewis for the managers of the Children's Ald Society were to have appeared before Mayor Maynard this noon to protest against giving the performance a license. The cancelling telegram last evening made this unnecessary, and about \$950 from advance sailes is returned to ticket holders.

HOLD-OVER REPUBLICANS BARRED. An Attempt to Let Them Into the County Committee Defeated.

The Republican County Committee voted down last night a proposed amendment to the constitution which would have removed the constitution which would have removed the ineligibility of officeholders under Democratic authority to office in the Republican organization.

"It is one of the most dangerous amendments ever offered," said Police Justice Solon B. Smith. "The rule was made in 1871, when the Republican party had large amounts of parronage. To-day we have practically none. Now, why should we repeal that law and allow Domocratic officeholders to sit in our executive body?"

Young George W. Hamilton said he didn't

Young George W. Hamilton said he didn't think it wise for the Republican party to build a stone wall around itself, and thought that the adoption of the amendment would bring the party into intercourse that would be bene-ficial. The amendment was lost by an overwhelming volley of nays.

Democratic Dissatisfaction in Otsego, OTSEGO COUNTY, Feb. 20 .- The town elections in this county last week went Republican for the first time in many years. They elected a majority of the Board of Supervisors, and the whole vote on Supervisors in the county gives the Kepublicans some 400 majority. It seams to be a fact generally conveded that this falling off in Democratic votes is in consequence of dislike to Cleveland namong Democrats. The farmers dislike his free trade message to Congress, and the politicians say that he pledged himself to a one-term election. Every one now believes that his civil service talk was an imposition on the Democratic party, and we think that if Cleveland is nominated his cannot carry this State. The recling here is strong for Gov. Hill. He could carry the county and the State.

Four years ago Cleveland's majority in this county was 700: If he should run again he would be defeated in the State.

A DEMOCRAT. the whole vote on Supervisors in the county

THE PRESIDENT OFF FOR FLORIDA. His Party Leaves Washington for a Flying Trip in the South.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- The President's party loft Washington at 11:45 o'clock this morning by the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Coast lines for a visit to the Sub-Tropical Exposition at Jacksonville, Fla. The party consisted of President Cleveland and Mrs. Cleve land, Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, Col. and Mrs. Lamont, Sinclair, the President's valet, and Mrs. Cleveland's maid. They used a special train composed of an engine, a baggage car, and a drawing-room car. The latter car is elegantly finished and appointed, and was provided with everything that could add to the comfort of the distinguished passengers. The train will make no stop except to change en-gines until it reaches Savannah, where it wil arrive at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. party will remain there an hour, and will take

a drive over the principal thoroughfares.

They will arrive at Jacksonville at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. A visit will be made to the Exposition, and a reception will be held by the President and Mrs. Cleveland in the evening.

in the alternoon. A visit will be held by the President and Mrs. Cleveland in the evening. The next day (Thursday) will be spent in St Augustine, where asother reception will be held. The start for home will be made on Friday morning, and the train will make no stops except such as are necessary for coaling. &c. Coi, Lamont said that the President had prepared no speeches for the trip, and did not expect to make any.

The President was looking very well. On his left arm as he entered the depot he carried Mrs. Cleveland's long mantle. Mrs. Cleveland was attired in a dark green dress trimmed with light fur, and wore a closely-fitting fawn-colored jacket. Taking their places in the Pullman car, the party supplied themselves with newspapers and the train started.

The President's train was the second section of the Southern fast mail. On the first section, which started at 10:57, were a number of Senators, who will reach Jacksonville a few minutes in advance of the second section. This party was in charge of Senator Call, and was made up of himself, wife, and daughter: Senator Faulkner and wife, Senator Daniel and wife, Senator Faulkner and wife, Senator Paniel and wife, Senator Faulkner and daughter: Senator Simon Cameron.

Perfersely, wife, and daughter: Senator Siewart and wife, Senator Simon Cameron.

Perfersely, wife, and daughter: Senator Siewart and wife, Senator Buller's two daughters, and called thought the depot yard President Cleveland, with head uncovered, and Mrs. Cleveland, searce tary Whitney and wife, and Col. Lamont and wife arrived here at 4:22 o'clock this afternoon. The train did not stop, but as it pulled through the depot yard President Cleveland, with head uncovered, and Mrs. Cleveland came out on the rear platform of the rear coach and were loudly cheered as they bowed to the crowd. In order to make the trip of the President in lance of railroada.

Jacksonville, Fia. Feb. 21.—The programme of entertainment for the President includes a procession, a visit to the Sub-Tropical Exposition, and a

THE LABOR BUREAU RESTORED.

The Mayor Meets with the Emigration Com-missioners and Keeps Order Among Them.

Mayor Hewitt made his first official appearance at Castle Garden yesterday at the annual meeting of the Emigration Commission-ers and the meeting was very orderly in consequence. The resolution abolishing the labor bureau, adopted at the last meeting of the Commissioners, and which stirred up the Irish and German societies under whose direction the bureau was managed, came up for reconsider-Some of the Commissioners, particularly Mr. Forrest, thought the resolution should be rescinded, and their suggestion brought be rescinded, and their suggestion brought
Commissioner Stephenson to his feet. He declared that the reports from the bureau were
false, that things were loosely managed, and,
moreover, that the bureau was "the resort of
prestitute and thieves," He told how his sisterin-law had been robbed there and how he had
had the thief sent to Trenton juil for two years.
Commissioner Hauselt thought the Commissioners thomselves were responsible for the
evils, if any existed, in the Labor Bureau.
Commissioner Taintor thought the alleged
evils of the bureau should be investigated, and
after Mayor Hewitt had presented the petition
of the Central Labor Union of Brooklyn against
the closing of the bureau, he also said that an
investigation would be the proper thing. All
the Commissioners concurred, and the resolution abolishing the bureau was rescinded.
Mr. Taintor was elected President of the
Board for the ensuing year in place of Mr. Ulrich, and Major Semsel was appointed interpreter, to fill the place that Mr. Ed, Heron
Allen, the chicosophist, declined.

A STEAM YACHT CHALLENGE LIKELY. Sir William Pearcy Building a Sharp Craft About the Atalanta's bize.

From a letter which Mr. Washington E. Connor has just received from Designer George L. Watson it looks very much as if the American Yacht Club's \$12,500 cup, which was made by Tiffany last fall and offered for international competition between steam yachts, would be challenged for before very long. The letter, which halls from London, reads:

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I think it not unlikely that some of you may be required to defend the American Nacht Gub cup this coming season, as sir William Fearce is building what is likely to be a very tast yach in his yard at Fairfield, she is about the length of the Atalania, very sharp, and will have great power; and though I do not know that he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes challenging, I shall be much surprised if he proofes and many fast steam yachts. Which of our pleasure steam fleet will be selected to meet the challenger, if Sir William Pearce's yacht proves such, or whether some one will build for the purpose, is a question on which yachtsmen do not care to hazard guesses in the light of so few particulars.

OFF FOR A DAT'S WALK.

Forty-three Encers Of in the American Institute Go-as-you-please.

The 24-hour go-as-you-please, and which T. H. Noonen of Brooklyn has been getting up ever since the close of Hall's recent six-day walk, was started at 11:14 last night in the American Institute building. It will close at 11 o'clock to-night.

There were forty-three starters. C. L. Wil-

liams got off in the lead, and soon left all the

Cartwright 9 5 Sinclair 7
Noremac 9 7 Dulon 9
Connors 9 0 Reunett 8
Collins 8 2 Williams 6
Collins 8 0 Day 7
Taylor 7 1 Jackson 7
Curren 7 4 linghes 5
Burrell 7 10 Bloch's Unknown 7 The City Handleap.

The weights assigned by Mr. Charles Wheatly.

The weights assigned by Mr. Charles Wheatly, the official handleapper of the American Jockey Club, for the City Handleap, with CAGO added money, one mile and a furfong, are:

Hanover, 130 pounds: Elogston, 124; Volanne, 124; Estina, 123; Haden, 124; Hoger, 130; Favor, 120; Exic. 125; Saxony, 110; Dry Monopole, 119; Laggard, 119; Eliwood, 118; Kaloolah, 117; Banburg, 110; Firenzi, 110; Ben Ali, 118; Hige Wing, 110; Euros, 110; Helwood, 115; Rightnand, 115; Emperor of Norfelk, 114; Miss Ford, 113; Fitzroy, 113; Egmont, 113; Aurelia, 112; Esquiman, 122; Horisammune, 112; Helwiders, 114; Grastie, 111; Goliah, 111; Radiord, 111; Luper, 111; Bessis Juna, 110; Cimar, 110; Rob Faber, 110; Stockto, 110; Long Knight, 110; Lady Printrose, 110; Stockto, 110; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Hirzie Baker, 109; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Lirzie Baker, 109; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Lirzie Baker, 109; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Lirzie Baker, 109; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Lirzie Baker, 109; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 103; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Kingrate, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Caredy Adv. 100; Ariel, 100; Oscola, 00; Kingrate, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Caredy Adv. 100; Ariel, 100; Caredy Adv. 100; Ariel, 100; Caredy Adv. 100; Ariel, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100; Queen of Elizabeth, 100; Lirzie Baker, 100; Gonan, 100;

The Breeklyn Handleaps.

The declarations received up to last evening The declarations received up to last evening for the Brooklyn Handicap were: Baceland, Geo. Ovater, Prince Royal, Lady Princess, Bucuit, Linden, Queen of Elizabeth, Edilan, Larrington Hinda, Lag-gard; and for the Rockdale Handicap: Raceland, Geo. Oyster, Lindon, Queen of Elizabeth, Hinda. Are Wilson and Aronson Out Again !

Are Wilson and Aronsen Out Again v
There has been a good deal of gossip recently
among theatrical folk about an alleged quarrei between
Francis Wilson, the Cudenus in "Erminie," and Manager
Rodelph Aronson. Mr. Wilson said that he had reason
to believe from a recent conversation with Mr. Aronson
that Mr. Aronson did not intend to produce his (Wilson's)
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opers, "Oolah," on the had consulted a lawyer,
Mr. Aronson was seen at the Casino. He said: "We gree
to carry out the contingto to the letter, as we agreed
to, and we shall produce "Oolah," as we have produced
other opers. I have nothing more to say."

HIGH LICENSE IN JERSEY

REMARKABLE PROGRESS OF THE RE PUBLICAN CAUCUS INFANT.

The Bill Developes So Much Strongth That It is Sure to Pass-Five Republicans Belt and Two Democrats Vete Aye. TRENTON, Feb. 21,-However feeble the local-option-high-license child of the Republican caucus may have been when the caucus doc-tors began to sit up with it last night, it came out this morning a hearty, stont, and lusty youngster, and in six hours kicked itself clear out of the Assembly, across the hall, and inte Senate. It was just about the liveliest baby ever seen in the legislative chambers.

Lawyer Hill, by virtue of his chairmanship of Republican caucus, acted as wet nurse for the

infant, and before the first hour of the session

had gone had it out of the cradle and up on the clerk's deak, where everybody could see it. It

straightened up under the benign glances of Speaker Dickinson's handsome blue eyes, and when little "Herb" Potts, the baid-headed reading clerk, gave it a few fatherly pats on the head it hammered the desk with its heels, stuck its fist in its mouth, and made up faces at flery McDermitt of Newark. McDer-mitt has recently been married and is tender toward babies, so he couldn't help smiling cheerly as he fired an amendment to make it a town and city option instead of a county opa town and city option instead of a county option baby. The missile was successfully dodged, and so was another one that McDermitt put after it. When Mr. Nixon. a Republican from Atlantic county, treacherously chucked a heavy remedient toward the desk the child looked sick for a moment, but soon recovered, and it never whimpered a bit when Mr. Dusenbury, another Republican, who sits right near the dosk, got up and said in very loud and very mixed English that it was about the ugliest and the worst lexislative baby he'd ever had anything to do with. The only time the infant scemed frightened was when its foster-father, Gobie of Ocean, whose voice was built for use in warning vessels off shore in heavy storms, began to talk, but contemplation of Potts's serene baid head comforted it until the cyclone was over.

Lawyer Hill tossed up a few toys in the shape of friendly amendments, and then he had the previous question ordered, and the Assembly by a vote of 32 to 28 declared that the child was good, whereupon Clerk Potts picked it up and carried it off to the engressing clerk's room. Everybody supposed that that was the end of it for the day. It usually is of bills. But Lawyer Hill doesn't nurse his aboles that way, and early in the afternoon the bill came out of the engrossing department, livelier than ever, and dressed up in a brand new suit, and with lots of red tape, ribbons, and other tomfeolery. Mr. McDermitt protested that he'd had all the baby he wanted for one day, and Mr. Dusenbury was surer than ever that the infant was monstrous bad; but, all the same. Speaker Dickinson, in two rullings and a previous motion, had the bill up for final action, and put it through with rings on its fingers and belies on its toes, and sure to make music wherever it goes.

Clerk Potts patited its head again and told it not to be afraid as he handed it over to Chief Clork Logan, who, not being so used to babies, tumbled it awkwardly up across the big desk to where Speaker Dickinson's bacheior but loving arms awaited it. While tion baby. The missile was successfully

brought out again and made to show the senate the lot it has learned about 'railroaded legislation.

Five Republicans—Messra, Dusenbury, Lozier, and Christie of Essex, Letts of Hudson, and Leavitt of Mercer—bolted the caucus and refused to assume any share in the paternity of the youngster; but two Democrats, Messra, Ludiam and Smalley, came in on the very last roll call and endorsed it. Thirty-two Republicans and two Democrats supported it, and twenty-one Democrats and see Republicans opposed it. Thirty-one votes were all it needed, It is sure of twelve or thirteen votes in the Senate, and only needs eleven. It is said that Clov. Green will veto it, but the same vote that passes it will override the veto.

In executive session the Senate confirmed the nominations of James M. Van Valen for Law Judge of Bergen county, and of John A. Miller for Judge of the First District Court of Newark. The renomination of Slass F. Dewitt as Law Judge of Hunterdon county was sent in. Senator Picifier offered a concurrent resolution denouncing the present issues of one, two and five dollar sliver certificates as a disgrace in printing and appearance to the nation, and an open advertisement inviting counterfeiting, and demanding reform.

A committee was appointed to investigate charges of mismanagement at the Morris Plains Lunatic Asylum.

THE CROWN PRINCE.

Be Exaggerated. SAN REMO, Feb. 21 .- The German Crown Prince rested better last night, and was less troubled with coughing and spitting. He appeared at the window of his bedroom yesterday, and many people saw him. The Prince of Wales paid him a visit last evening, and found

him better than he expected. Midnight.-The Crown Prince has passed a

Midnight.—The Crown Prince has passed a satisfactory day, and is better. The alarmist reports which have been circulated regarding his condition are without foundation. The Crown Princess and her daughters have opened a bazan in aid of the German church here. The Prince of Wales to-day dined with the Crown Princes, and afterward joined her and several companions in a walk. The Duke and Duchess of Baden arrived here to-day, and visited the Crown Princes.

After Dr. Mackenzie had examined the Crown Princes is annyx yesterday all the doctors held a consultation, and came to an agreement as to the future mode of treatment. The examination showed that the swelling under the right vocal chord is almost zone, and that the mucous membrane is much paler than before the operation. The Prince's vice is stronger and his breathing is vary good. There is little fear now of either fever, bronchitis, or pneumonia.

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch from San Remo says the condition of the Crown Prince is improved, and that he will now be able to gain strength, the irritation in his throat having diminished.

A MADMAN AT FATHER DUCEY'S. Armed with a Six-shot 38-calibre Buildog

Self-cecking Pistel.

The Rev. Thomas J. Ducey of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church was called upon at his residence, 14 East Twenty-ninth street, last night by a madman, armed with a six-barrel 38-calibre bulldog self-cocking revolver. The 38-calibre buildog self-cocking revolver. The crank has annoyed the priest for the past week. He said that some one owed him money, and he wanted Father Ducey to collect the money. At 9 o'clock last night the lunatic called again. His actions ere threatening, and Dr. Kelly, who happened to be at the house, hastened to the Thirtieth street station house. Detective Brott went back with him and managed to coax the lunatic out of the house.

The madman said he was Michael O'Donnell, a coachman, of Guttenberg, N. J.

Obliuary.

George H. Corliss, the engine builder, died yesterday at Providence, R. L. of paralysis of the heart. Mr. Corliss was born in Easton, N. Y. He never saw the inside of a machine shop until he was 25 years old. He went to Providence in 1844, and in 1846 began the development of his steam engine improvements, and in 1648 completed an engine which embodied the essential features of the present Corliss engine. He carried away the highest competitive prize at the Paris Exhibition in 1851, was presented the fundation media in 1850 in 1 George H. Corliss, the engine builder, died

was many contents of the New Tork Month of Rosketton in 1882. Lavton, for many years librarian of the Newark Library Association, died yesterday morning at his home in that city of Bright's disease of the kidneys lie was born in Woodbridge, N. J., in 1883, and moved to Newark in 1830. In 1831 he was elected to the City Council and was repeatedly resistent, it was one of the organizers of the Library Association, and but one of the organizers of the Library Association, and but one of the organizers of the Library Association, and had one of the organizers of the Library Association, and the leaves a widow and four children, one being the wife state of the Library Library and the Library Library and the Library as widow and four children, one being the wife state of the Library and the Library and the Library and the Library and the Library as with the Library and the Library as well as the Library and the Library as well as the Library as well as the Library as the Library as the Library as well as the Library as the

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